GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1032
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INFLUX OF GENERAL POPULATION IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experts committee on the Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) has expressed concern over the alarming increase in the general population in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said committee has also recommended some immediate steps to restrict the influx of people into the Islands;and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a)&(b): The expert Committee on the Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs),has discussed,among others, the issue of alarming increase in the population in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and its impact on the Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) of the islands.The Committee noted that the most important problem faced by the tribes of Andaman is population explosion owing to which the forests of Andaman & Nicobar are endangered and fresh water has become scarce.

(c)&(d): The Ministry of Home Affairs has already directed the Andaman & Nicobar Administration to make an assessment of the influx of population into the Islands to enable the Ministry of Home Affairs to take appropriate measures.